

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are amended. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraph 6, claims 3-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite. In light of the Examiner's comments, claim 3 was amended and accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the Office Action, at page 3, numbered paragraph 8, claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-21 were amended, and accordingly, and withdrawal of the § 101 rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-21 have been amended. Claims 1-21 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

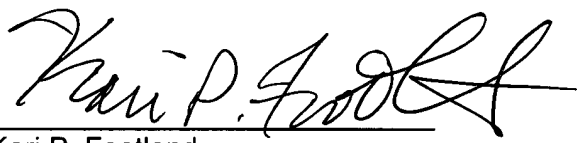
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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